



30th ADA BDE Family Newsletter

October 2012



Commander's Corner

Greetings to all our Military, Civilians and Families,

Melita and I could not be happier being back in the 30th ADA BDE. We have been so impressed with the quality of the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Soldiers, civilians and spouses that contribute so much to the Fire Center of Excellence, the local community and our organization.

It's hard to believe, but November and the holiday season is already upon us. On 12 November, we will observe Veterans Day. On this day our nation will honor all military members both past and present. This is a special time when the country shows gratitude to our veterans and our military for all the sacrifices they have made.

As we honor our past veterans, ensure we take time from our holiday plans to remember the present veterans and their families that

are currently deployed and continue to keep our country free.

I encourage you all to take advantage of the training holidays over Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas to spend some well deserved quality time with friends and families.

Thank you all for what you do each and every day in support of the Brigade mission.



Sincerely, COL Mike and Melita Simley



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Harvest time serves as a meaningful metaphor for the values of diligence and patience in our family lives. Parents experience great joy and pride when their children graduate or when their grandchildren are born. From an outsiders view, such a strong reaction might seem exaggerated or out of place. But when understood within the context of the parents' years of effort and patience, their delight is easy to understand. And here is the point to consider; the highlights of our lives come only after great effort and many years.

The "Law of the Harvest" (you reap what you sow) deserves to guide our actions in both our professional and our personal lives. This wisdom has been passed down through the ages. The Apostle Paul drew upon this principle when counseling the struggling church in Galatia (Gal 6:7). It counters the popular notions of our day such as "Everyone deserves to be happy!" The Law of the Harvest states that only those of us who roll up our sleeves and get to work in the fields of life can expect to enjoy the bounty come harvest time. Of course, we should always be compassionate when others encounter hardships, but it is unjust to take for granted others' compassion.

Each of us can enjoy healthier and stronger marriages and families when we sacrifice short-term, personal pleasures for long-term, family commitments. Establishing family traditions, celebrating family members' accomplishments, and opting for time to listen and share before we turn on the television are all ways to invest in the future harvest of healthy families. We can all do better. Can the beautiful colors of autumn serve to remind you that life is short? Life is most meaningful when we invest our time and energy in others.

"Always on Target!"

Chaplain J. Nathan Kline
& Sergeant Devin Shaw





STRONG BONDS EVENTS

16-18 Nov	Marriage
4 Dec	Singles
14 Feb	Marriage
22-24 Feb	Family
15 Mar	Marriage
29 Mar	Marriage
29 Apr	Singles
17 May	Marriage
21-23 Jun	Marriage
19 Jul	Singles
9 Aug	Family
27 Sep (<u>Dugway</u>)	Family
Contact Chaplain Glenn for info. 580-442-2498	



30th ADA BDE Events:

Read for the Record



COL Fryc, Commandant Air Defense School & Chief of the Air Defense Branch read "Ladybug Girl and the Bug Squad" to twenty five families, fifty-seven children participated in the Read for the Record event at Nye Library on 01 OCT. Special thanks goes to:

- COL Donald Fryc for reading to the children.
- Joan Auwen, NYE Head Librarian for the Library Tour
- Angela Gomez, Parent to Parent Representative for sharing the importance of Reading to Children.
- Ladybug Volunteers who assisted with craft tables, set up and break down. These ladies made the event extra special: Veronica & Brittany Dabbs, Jennifer Enfinger, Shelley & Gerrald Stringer, Tina Wolford, Kim Parrish, Lupe McKnight, Linn Poe, Oscar Villarreal and Mark Hughes.

We appreciate all that you do!

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Save the Date:

Please join 30th ADA BDE Families for:



Cookies with Santa
Nye Library, 05 DEC, 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM



Saint Barbara's Day Ball
Patriot Club, 11 JAN 2013

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and with it our annual Saint Barbara's celebration. Our time honored traditions associated with the celebration of our patron Saint is one of the things that sets the Air Defense Artillery apart from all other branches in our Army. Tickets on sale now! Cost: \$35.00 cash or check payable to 30th ADA BDE. POC: CPT Yania Bates, 480-442-0567.

FRSA Updates

To find out more information contact BDE
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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/30th-ADA-Bde-FRSA/217414588381447>

The Army Spouse Prayer

Dear Lord,

Give me the greatness of heart to see the difference between duty and my Soldier's love for me. Give me understanding that I may know, when duty calls they must go. Give me a task to do each day, to fill the time when he's away. And Lord, when he's in a foreign land, keep him safe in your loving hand. When duty is in the field please protect him and his shield. When training is so long, please stay with me and keep me strong. Amen

Anonymous

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER:

13-15 NOV Army Family Action Plan, RTC

14 NOV Informal Funds/ Fundraising 1-3 PM
or 6-8 PM

15 NOV Key Caller 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM or 6-8 PM

21 NOV FRG Leadership Training 9 AM - 3 PM

27 NOV BOLD: GI Jane Mini, 11 AM – 1PM

29 NOV Facts & Food, 1030-1300: Lawton Food Bank

29 NOV FRG Steering Committee Meeting

DECEMBER:

NO SILLFACTS

01 DEC 30th ADA BDE AFTB Level I Training

23 NOV – 24 DEC Christmas Gift wrapping
Trees for Troops

Operation Thanksgiving Eagle: Free Book

AUSA Family Programs is again partnering with Harmony Hearth and sponsors BAE Systems and Raytheon to continue Operation Thanksgiving Eagle (OTE). Operation Thanksgiving Eagle is au-thor, Debbie Fink's, effort to recognize and thank military children for the daily sacrifices they make by having parents who serve to protect America's freedom. Debbie Fink's children's activity book entitled "It's a Family Thanksgiving! A Celebration of an American Tradition for Children and Their Families," will be provided upon request. To request a book for your children please complete the form at:

<http://www.ausa.org/resources/familyprograms/OpThanksgivingEagle/Pages/default.aspx>

FREE Credit Report for Military Families

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), FINRA Investor Education Foundation (which is part of FINRA) is providing service members and their Families a free credit check, even if you checked it last month!

1. Go to www.saveandinvestmilitary.org/military
2. Click on the credit score link on the right
3. Enter **AAVN4QCT** as the Educator's code

USA JOBS has iPhone App



The USAJOBS iPhone application puts the power of searching for a Federal job at your fingertips.

FREE Income Tax Course for Military Spouses and Wounded Warriors



As in previous years, H&R Block is offering a **FREE Income Tax Course for Military Spouses and Wounded Warriors**. The course normally cost between \$250 and \$300, but H&R Block pays full tuition for eligible students.

Who is eligible? That's easy: any ID-holding military spouse of an active, retired, or reserve military service member and Wounded Warriors (as defined by the DoD). Active Duty service members are not eligible, but may enroll at their own expense.

The course is approximately 10 weeks depending on location, and only about 10 hours of lessons each week. Students will learn the tax codes and regulations to include instruction to navigate the software, a key ingredient for tax specialists. Most graduates are placed in H&R Block positions for the tax season. Additionally, options exist for upward mobility to H&R Block elite status. You can work to become an "Enrolled Agent" (EA) for taxpayers.

You **MUST** identify yourself as a Military Spouse or Wounded Warrior when calling to register at 1-800-HRBLOCK (472-5625).

Ask to speak to the District Manager, who will provide you the coupon and flyers. Registration is also available online and at participating H&R Block offices.

Move quickly, enrollment for 2013 tax season is underway! For additional assistance, contact Albert Niebla at MilitaryFieldSupport@HRBlock.com.



Plan Ahead for the Holiday Season

Back-to-school marks the beginning of the holiday season, starting with Labor Day running through New Year's. The bigger your family, the faster time flies. With a little patience, planning and organization, your holiday season can be manageable, relaxing and fun. Here are some helpful tips:

1. **Synchronize your calendar** with school/ work vacations and holiday periods to be spent with family and friends. Choose alternate days for family gatherings, and make sure you remain flexible to accommodate last-minute invitations. Remember to schedule time for relaxation to reduce stress.
2. **Establish a realistic spending plan.** There are only 6-7 paydays remaining until the big day. Make and review gift lists and set limits for each person. Remember postage and decoration expenses. Plan ahead. Last minute purchases are often the most expensive!
3. **Establish a weekly or monthly "to do" list.** Shopping and preparing for guest takes time and effort. Schedule time to gift and grocery shop, mail cards and even gift wrapping. By the time the holidays roll around, you'll be ahead of the game.
4. **Set aside time for yourself.** Plan "down time" to enjoy special moments with a close friend or relative. Ensure you get plenty of sleep and regular exercise to maintain that semblance of normalcy.

Resources You Should Know About

OPERATION HOMEFRONT OKLAHOMA/ARKANSAS

Operation Homefront provides aid to families struggling not only with emergencies, but also with the problems of everyday life. Existing programs include:

Emergency Aid - Provides food, baby care items, vehicle donation and repair.

Computer Program - Allows children and spouses to stay in touch with their loved ones.

Financial Assistance Program - Addresses crises such as illness, homelessness and death.

Furniture Program - Donates household and baby furniture; working-order appliances.

Moving - Provides physical labor for families when a service member is deployed.

Social Outreach - Offers Adopt-a-family opportunities, Thanksgiving/holiday baskets, back-to-school supplies.

Community - Rebuilds the challenged social network of the military community by bringing it to our online magazine where it is convenient to everyone, no matter the time or location.



ARMY FAMILY TEAM BUILDING

AFTB is a series of training modules that cover topics such as basic information about the Army, personal growth and leadership. Both Soldiers and Families are encouraged to attend these trainings. Visit

www.facebook.com/FortSillAFTB for more information.



ARMY FAMILY ACTION PLAN

AFAP is the "Voice of the Army Family." AFAP is an Army Wide Program that improves quality of life. This forum provides the opportunities to voice concerns to Army Leadership and make recommendations for change. Fort

Sill AFAP Conference is NOV 13-15. Issues can be submitted online to www.myarmyonesource.com. Click on the Family Programs and Service Tab, then click AFAP issue Management System and then follow prompts.



Did you know you can join the "Boys and Girls Club" in your area FREE?! As a military de-pendent you are eligible for the free member-ship! You can get more info at BGCA.org/military or call 1-800-854-2582

WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT

www.myarmyonesource.com

Volunteer Management Information System and everything Army

www.sittercity.com/dod

Free service to find child care provider, pet care, elder care

www.militaryonesource.com

including free YMCA memberships

www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil

Free SAT/ACT Prep software and other resources

www.ourmilitarykids.org

Free grants for children's activities

www.tutor.com

Free homework help & online tutoring

www.usa.jobs.com

Job search site for federal employment

www.armyfrg.org

Provides a secure site that provides Family Members with valuable tools 24/7

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**BTRY CDR
CPT BATES**



**BTRY 1SG
1SG RIVERA**

Battery

welcomes new 1SG

1SG Rivera was officially appointed the HHB ADA BDE 1SG on 1 AUG 2012. His arrival came at a critical time when the Brigade was in transition. 1SG Rivera comes to us from "the center of the universe" Fort Bragg, NC. 1SG Rivera is married to Mrs. Rebecca Rivera and they have four children: Daniel 13, Kyla 14, Elijah and Skylar 10. Since his arrival 1SG Rivera has changed the battery command climate making it a more *team focus* environment. In addition, more troops are participating in leadership positions and volunteering to assist in the community. The physical training program has also been revamped allowing more activities to coincide with PRT and for Soldiers with profiles to still get a good work out within the means of their abilities.

UPDATE

FRG POSITIONS FILLED

President: SSG Gutierrez
Secretary: SSG Chaney
Treasurer: SSG Hughes



SPC Moore re-enlists

Not many Soldiers decide to have their re-enlistment ceremony in the Commanding General's office, but SPC Moore requested to have his there following close of business on Friday, 29 June, 2012. Moore enlisted 9 June 2009 and attended basic training here at Fort Sill, OK. Upon completion of AIT, he was assigned to HHB 3-4, 170th IBCT Baumholder, Germany. While there he deployed to Afghanistan and returned in December of 2011. In February of 2012 he became a part of HHB 30th ADA BDE and has been great things ever since. On 3 August, 2012, SPC Moore married his wife Courtney.

SFC Schaffhauser: Career Counselor of the Year

SFC Schaffhauser does it

again; he was selected as TRADOC

active component career

Counselor of

the year on 25 July 2012 which is testament to his dedication to duty, and outstanding counseling style. He currently serves as the BDE Retention NCO, and has won Ft Sill Retention NCO of the year numerous consecutive times. SFC Schaffhauser is also a gold badge recruiter and is air assault qualified.

MSG Quintana retires

After 23 years of Active Duty service, MSG Quintana will leave the Army and begin retirement. He leaves behind a great BDE S4 shop, and many Soldiers that will miss his leadership.



"NO GUTS, NO GLORY"

1ST BATTALION, 56TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY

FRG NEWSLETTER



**BN CDR
LTC Ron Hildner**



**BN CSM
1SG Daniel Hillburn**

Soldiers, Families and Friends of the Spartan Battalion I want to congratulate you all on a successful and safe summer. It has been very busy period but the Team has done an outstanding job accomplishing our officer education mission and the many taskings we have received. Additionally, we have had a lot of new Families join the Battalion team, and you all have done a tremendous job integrating them into both work and family functions. I personally couldn't have asked for a better reception from the Battalion when I arrived this past June...Thank you all!

As we get ready for Fall, Winter, and the Holiday Season... Soldier, Civilian, and Family Wellbeing continues to be foremost on my mind. Not only will we need to deal with the physical changes in the weather but some of our Team will need help with the mental let-down that comes with the holidays...let's call them the Holiday Blues. First, we all need to be ready for winter...winterizing homes, cars, and each of our selves is extremely important. After the relatively mild winter last year, the expectation this year is we will be back to the normal cold Oklahoma winter...so get ready for that North wind, the cold, and potentially the ice again. As for the Holiday Blues that happen this time of year, it is necessary for each of us to look out for our buddy and get them help if needed. The Army has great programs that are beneficial like the Military Family Life Consultant, (MFLC), behavior health, and of course the mainstays talking to your Chaplain and friends. Like with all things we need to be observant and prepared when dealing with the physical and mental aspects to this part of the year so keep your eyes open and mind flexible.

Finally I want to recognize Mrs. Shelley Stringer, our new FRG leader, the other members of the FRG, and the batteries. They have hit it off right, and we have already accomplished several meetings and the golf scramble which has started us off well to achieving our Battalion goals. Thank you all again and let's have fun and be safe as we head into the Holiday Season this year!



HQ /A BTRY
CPT Dick Dobkins



HQ /A BTRY
SFC Hazell

Commander's Message: Thank you Lone Wolves and families for a successful first quarter with our new command teams. This last quarter saw us graduate Patriot Top Gun, Pre-command course, Reserve Component Captains Career course, Air Defense Fire Control Officer (ADAFCO) and soon Warrant Officer Advanced course students enabling us to support enhance the operational force with tactically and technically proficient Officers of the highest caliber. Special thanks to the efforts of our instructors CW4(P) Maule, CW4 Puckett, CW4(ret) Brewington and Mr. John Griffin. This quarter we have seen the integration and farewell of the RSOI program for all the Brigades incoming instructors. Led by the efforts of SFC Dimario and SSG Gates we were able to take a program that was taking 90 plus days to certify instructors and getting the job done in half the time. Congratulations to all of our awardees this month and a special salute to CW4(P) Maule for being selected to the highest rank of his branch.

Birthdays: CPT Dobkins – 7 October
 Awards: SFC Hazel – Army Good Conduct Medal
 SSG Barnum – Army Good Conduct Medal
 SGT Young – Army Good Conduct Medal
 SFC Kemper – Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
 SSG Normandin – 1-56 Volunteer of the month
 Promotions: CW4 (P) Maule
 Hails: CPT Garcia
 SSG Perry
 Mr. John Blankenship
 Farewells: SPC Messina
 CW4 Brewington





**C BTRY CDR
CPT Allen Taylor**



**C BTRY 1SG
1SG Daniel Hillburn**

Commander's Message: I would like to thank everyone in the Cobra family for helping us achieve a very successful quarter. We had a multitude of exciting events, helping build the camaraderie and cohesiveness within the battery. First I would like to congratulate CPT/Mrs. Bryden on the birth of their new born girl, Anabelle, and SFC/Mrs. Ramos on the birth of their new born girl, Naomi. Welcome to the team! Next I would like to congratulate the Army's newest Majors' Pengilly and Stone on their promotions, good job gentlemen. Also, congratulations to the BOLC-B and CCC 02-12 classes on their graduations. Good luck on all your future endeavors. We look forward to the graduations for CCC 03-12 on October 3rd and BOLC-B 03-12 on October 15th. The BOLC-B 03-12's initial Air Defense Officer training will culminate at their Dining Out event on October 12 at the Lawton Country Club. It will surely be a wonderful event and we hope to see all of you there. As we say goodbye to our 03-12 courses, I would now like to welcome our 04-12 BOLC-B and CCC courses. They kicked off in August and are now full steam ahead in their Officer training.

On September 8, many BOLC-B and CCC students volunteered to take part of the Remembrance March in Elgin where they marched in honor of someone of their choice. Afterwards the students were fortunate enough to meet and take a picture with the Air Defense Commandant, COL Fryc. On September 11, we honored those in the 9/11 attacks by conducting a Golf Scramble at the Ft Sill Golf Course. The event was a huge hit as we were able to raise \$2100 for our Family Readiness Group. Family, friends, students and cadre all took part in this highly visible and successful event. There will be more opportunities for everyone to attend FRG fundraising. There is currently a bowling tournament in the planning phase and we look forward to your support.

Lastly, be sure to come out and support our 1-56 Flag Football teams. Both teams are highly competitive and our Team 1 is currently tied for 1st with an undefeated record. The best show on grass other than Costello's own, come check them out on their road to the Post Championship. Thanks again for everything you do to support the battery. Be safe while you're having fun. Cobra Strike.

Awards: SSG Blundell – Army Commendation Medal
SSG Reeh – Army Commendation Medal
Farewells: SSG Blundell
SSG Reeh

2nd Battalion 6th Air Defense Artillery

The Kodiak Battalion has been training to standard, demonstrating their pride of the past, caring of the less fortunate, and performing a reenlistment ceremony. The diversity of leadership and vision from our topnotch Officers and NCOs has been carried out by our enthusiastic Soldiers.

The op tempo for A-3 ADA (JLENS) in the past five months has been fast paced and non-stop due to training and mission requirements. The unit has grown from 38 to 103 this year and has been focusing its efforts on executing training to ensure the new Soldiers are prepared for their major training exercise this year, the Early User Test (EUT), starting October 29th and ending December 7th. Throughout the summer, the Soldiers have executed CEC training in St. Petersburg, FL, AMDWS/MIDS/JTT training in Ft. Sill, OK, have completed two iterations of Mission Operator/Mission Support training in Red Stone Arsenal, AL, and Aerostat Mission Director Overview Training and Line Handler and WOCC Operator Course at the Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR). These Soldiers have been moving and training hard to ensure mission success during the pivotal EUT by the Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC).

This week, MG Dellarocco, Commander of ATEC, traveled to Dugway Proving Ground (DPG) and observed the Soldiers executing training and crew rotations at UTTR. He viewed the Soldiers carrying out the many tasks associated with the JLENS system and applauded the Command for the knowledge and great abilities shown by the Soldiers. Coins were granted by MG Dellarocco to the following Soldiers for the excellence: SGT Scott Lawson, SGT Francisco Macias, SPC Nicholas Thomas, SPC Emon Williams, SPC Marilyn Zepeda, and PFC Nicole Vasilakes.



At C Battery, the Air Defense Artillery History Museum brought over a Quad .50 Cal Machine Gun Half-Track for a local news article and History Museum photo shoot on 10 Sep 2012. SSG Sanchez and SSG Waller of Charlie Battery 2-6 ADA BN posed in combat uniform with the Avenger alongside the Half-Track and crew in their historic combat uniform. This was a great moment for the Air Defense community, getting to see the old positioned next to the new. Hopefully, we can keep this tradition in order to keep educating the young 14S AIT soldiers on the history of Short Range Air Defense.

HQ/A has been participating in the monthly Battalion level Warrior Field Training Exercise in support of Bravo and Charlie AIT Students. HQ/A was the primary support system for the Battalion's first combined WFTX in August at Thompson Hill Range Complex. From the Staff's efforts in coordinating all logistics to the day to day grind of field needs, HQ/A was a key component to the success of the event. SGT Billy Wilson and SGT Edward Wise supported by handling the ammunition operations for both the STX lanes and the Avenger .50 cal range. HQ/A also executed each fuel run, with PFC Brianna Lindstrom ensuring the many generators and vehicles on site were topped off daily. The most notable and essential operations were executed by SSG Anthony Wandy, running chow and ice twice a day to ensure our young Soldiers and Cadre were given the proper fuel to execute their training mission. As a result of the continual effort and support of HQ/A, 2-6 ADA's first Battalion WFTX was a success.



Bravo Battery volunteered to feed the homeless, indigent and low-income people at the Salvation Army Community Services Center on 27 Aug 2012. The Soldiers worked the serving line, carried trays for people who needed help, mingled with the guests and performed clean up after serving. CPT Kurt Hildebrandt, the Bravo Battery Commander, has volunteered his time for the fifth month in a row at the Salvation Army. Volunteers for Bravo include: Pvt Christopher Rose, Pvt. Logan Reynolds, Pvt. Bryan Crump, Pvt. James Geniesse. Every Soldier volunteered their time saying, "They are just glad to give back to the community." Trish Leach, a monitor at the center said the Soldiers were a big help and that "it is a blessing for us because it frees the lone monitor to watch what's going on in the dining area." The Soldiers served over 50 people during this evening.



The September highlight for Charlie Battery, aside from the history photo shoot above, was the re-enlistment of SSG Joshua Waller on 6 Sep 2012.

Along with him at the ceremony was his new wife, Samantha. She is a big supporter of SSG Waller's decision to stay in the Army, and with this final re-enlistment, SSG Waller will remain in the Army until he is eligible for retirement. The Charlie Battery Commander, CPT Jacob Bowen, gave SSG Waller the oath of re-enlistment, noting what a world class Noncommissioned Officer SSG Waller is and how we need more outstanding NCOs to stay in the Army.

Soldiers from D/2-6 ADA travelled to Woodside Barracks in South Australia to help execute the first ever C-RAM Command Post Exercise(CPX) and Mission Rehearsal Exercise (MRX) on Australian soil. The Soldiers spent 18 days on ground helping 111 C-RAM Battery coach, teach, and mentor the Australian Soldiers from C-RAM 4 Battery.

Just like the last three Australian units that received this training at Fort Sill in the past, the Soldiers from D/2-6 helped ensure that every Soldier understood their



responsibilities as operators and maintainers of a Sense and Warn section. The Soldiers received training on the FAAD, AMDWS, C-NET, LCMR, WAVES, and the Giraffe Agile Multiple Beam (AMB) Radar. C-RAM is a new program in the Australian Army but it is one that they are looking to expand as they grow from one C-RAM unit to three. C-RAM 4 Battery will arrive in Afghanistan this fall and spend the next nine months protecting Australian, U.S., and other Allies from indirect fire at four different locations. We wish them the best of luck as they join our brothers in combat.

3rd Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery Regiment

BRUISER NATION BULLETIN



OCTOBER 2012



Bruiser 6

LTC Shaun S. Lott



Bruiser 7

CSM Lawrence A. MacDonald

Soldiers, Families and Friends of the Bruiser Nation!!

We hope everyone enjoyed the 4-day weekend in honor of Columbus Day!! It is starting to feel like fall with the cold weather 'blowing' in the morning!!!

If you missed it, **Bruiser Round Up**, was a tremendous success!! We had a great time welcoming close to 20 Soldiers and their families and saying good bye to only a few!! We had dinner and played entertaining games throughout the evening. Make sure you don't miss the next one—we will always have a **FUN TIME!!** Special thanks to 1LT Jenkins and SSG Holt from Cobra battery as well as SSG Ross and PFC Hale from Archer for making this event a great success.

Congrats to SGT Knopf and SPC Cosby from Archer for earning promotable status by passing their respective NCO boards!!

BREAKING NEWS: Texas Tough SOB (3.1 mile obstacle course) for 13 Oct was cancelled by the event coordinators. They are working on a new date, so stay tuned!!

Bruiser Boneyard: We are still planning this fun, haunted event at the HQs on 30 Oct. This is a free event with kid activities, plus plenty of screams and gore for the teens and adults!! Afterwards, we are having a potluck dinner in our conference room!!

FACEBOOK: Please stop by our FaceBook page!! Tons of pics!! Search [3rd Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery](#)

God bless everyone!! B06



SSG Smarr re-enlisted by COL Smiley!



Bruiser Battalion T-Shirt Design
Winner is Tatiana Bela Sa
1LT Steward's sister!!



Bruiser New Instructor
Badging Ceremony
SSG Steward is badged by LTC Lott
and CSM MacDonald



CPT Josh Simpson



1SG Mitchell Hasty

Fall is upon us, and September was a great month here at Fort Sill as it's finally cooling off! The Archer team would like to extend congratulations to the seven new 140E certified Warrant Officers who graduated on September 11th. Graduates were WO1 Burton, WO1 Hulsey, WO1 Klein, WO1 Long, WO1 Morman, WO1 Smith, and WO1 St. Clair. Good luck to all of you in your follow on assignments! On October 16th we will have another nine students graduate the course as Class 05-12 concludes!



WOBC Graduates and their families



1SG Hasty and 3-6 soldiers at the Stop Self Destructing Suicide Prevention Campaign Mock Memorial Service

Also, in September, the Bruiser Battalion held a Suicide Stand Down day in which all Battalion cadre and students participated. The goal of the event was to increase suicide awareness and methods to overcome this serious issue which persists amongst U.S. Service members.

The Archer team congratulates SFC Antonio Estebane who graduated Senior Leader's Course on September 28th.

The Archers are also home to the Bruiser Nation flag football team which started games in September and will continue through November. As of October 12th, the team has a record of 2 & 3. All family members are invited to come out and cheer on your Soldiers as they run the field on teams from across Fort Sill!! Future games include October 18th, 24th and 25th at 2000 on Butner field.

The Archer team added several new team members in September, including PV2 Courtney Wilson, PFC Nathan Hale, SPC Cody Orr, SPC Timothy Shaddox, SSG Steven Bright, SSG Wayne Voigt, SSG Christopher Dolan, and finally SFC Joshua Guillot. Welcome to the team!

The Archer team bids farewell to SSG Brian Lewis, SSG Ronald Ross and SSG Eric Castillo this month. SSG Lewis and SSG Ross both served as the S-6 NCOs. SSG Ross' next duty assignment is located at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait and SSG Lewis has moved on to Fort Riley, Kansas, both will continue to serve in communication support roles. SSG Castillo served in the S-3 Shop and was also the BN Combatives Instructor and is on his way to serve in Korea.



SSG Castillo and LTC Lott face off at SSG Castillo's Farewell Luncheon



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Birthdays

10/09 SSG Carbiener
10/17 Mrs. Carbiener
10/28 SFC Edmeade
10/08 SSG Neal

Upcoming Events

10/30 Bruiser Boneyard

Dear Families and Friends,

Is it really that time again? Time does fly by when you're really busy! The cool autumn breeze surreptitiously snuck in front of us so get those sweaters and winter outfits ready because it will get cooler by the minute!

Like every other month for the Bulldog Battery, this past month has been challenging but yet rewarding. Our battery has earned numerous awards and recognition simply from our initiatives and hard work! Great job!

Recognition

Bravo Battery would like to congratulate SFC Learthur Williams for earning 2nd place in the TRADOC Platoon Sergeant of the Year at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

The United States Army will continue to be the greatest fighting force in the world with the re-enlistment of four outstanding Noncommissioned Officers. SFC Learthur Williams, SSG Christopher Babb, SSG James McCrary, SSG Justin Smarr will proudly continue the great tradition of serving their country!

Additionally, the Bulldog Battery would like to recognize 14E Class 502-12 for their tremendous support of the Lawton/Fort Sill Community Support initiative. Thirteen Soldiers volunteered over 100 hours during their personal time in support of various community outreach programs, earning themselves the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM).



30th ADA BDE Commander, COL Michael Simley, giving the oath of enlistment to SFC Williams, SSG Babb, SSG McCrary and SSG Smarr



14E Class 502-12 demonstrating the Army Value of selfless service by volunteering over 100 hours of personal time to various community projects.

Hails

The Bulldogs would like to extend a warm welcome to our newly arrived DA Select Platoon Sergeant (SSG Javier Colon), and four new 14E instructors (SSG John Jarrett, SSG Roberto Mendez, SSG Jonathan Neal, SSG Eugene Sieren). Bravo Battery also received three intra-battalion transfers from HQ/A Battery: SFC Crabtree, SFC McChesney, and SSG Crossman. We look forward to working with them in the future and be sure to introduce yourselves when you see them!



SMA Chandler was the guest speaker for the 14E Class 17-12 Graduation

Farewells

We said farewell to two of our world class trainers as they move on to other chapters of their lives. SFC Derrick Nelson will PCS to 35th ADA BDE at Osan Air Base, Korea. SSG Berdinner will PCS to 5-7 ADA at Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Sports

Bravo Battery's student flag football team currently holds a 3-2 record. The Bulldogs will continue to fight towards the Post Flag Football Tournament on 5-8 NOV. Recently, 10 Soldiers in Bravo Battery also competed in the Post Intramural Swimming Championships; helping 30th ADA BDE earn second place.



CPT Dominguez presenting SFC Nelson with his PCS ARCOM

Until next month, "BAD AS BULLDOGS!"



Greetings Cobra Family from the Charlie Battery Command Team! September has been a busy month with something to do around every corner. This past month was very busy with two main events. To start, we had a great time at the Bruiser Round Up, where we hailed some great new NCO's to the Cobra Team. We ended the month with Suicide Safety Stand Down where our families participated in a plethora of classes to broaden our awareness on suicide and how it affects the people around us. Now as we move into October the fun train isn't slowing down for our Battery. To kick off the month we have the Post 10K run on October 12th. We would like to congratulate 1SG Pyles for taking first in his age category. To wrap up the month, the event everyone has been waiting for, The Bruiser Bone Yard Haunted House! Bring your families to experience some true Bruiser Nation fun. There will be activities for both adults and children. Finally we would like to say Happy Birthday, Congratulations, Hello to the following Cadre.

October Birthdays:

Hails:

SFC Shawn Daly (20 OCT)

SSG Hildalgo

SFC Jason Lewis (30 OCT)

SSG Salazar

SSG Kevin Turner (15 OCT)

SSG Constancio



Cobra Battery Hosting the 1st Bruiser Battalion Round Up.

We welcomed nearly 20 NCOs and families to the Nation!!!

Soldier & Family Resiliency



Comprehensive Family Fitness is being part of a family unit that is safe, supportive and loving, and provides the resources needed for all members to live in a healthy and secure environment.

Family Member Resiliency Training

Make plans to attend the Family Member Resiliency Training, on Thursdays: December 06, 13, January 10, 17, and 24, from 9 AM – 4 PM at the Graham Resiliency Training Campus at 2934 Marcy Road. Participants will learn to grow and thrive in the face of challenges, bounce back from adversity, create positive emotion, recognize and analyze what is good and identify thoughts about an activating event and the consequences of those thoughts. The training empowers Families to be resilient by teaching skills in self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, mental agility, character strength and emotional connection. Reserve your spot at 580-442-4916.

Information about Fort Sill Wellness Programs can be found at:

Resiliency Training Campus	580-442-4681
ACS- Resiliency Training	580-442-4916
Fitness Centers	580-442-6712
Family Life Chaplain	580-442-5003
Reynolds Army Hospital	580-558-2800

PTSD Coach

The Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have created a Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) app. The PTSD Coach app allows Service Members and Veterans with PTSD symptoms to use their smart phones to connect free with a PTSD Coach 24/7. The app can be downloaded from the iTunes store and is available for Android devices.

PTSD Coach provides users with education about PTSD, informational about professional care, a self assessment about PTSD, opportunities to find support, and tools that can help manage the stresses of daily life with PTSD. Tools range from relaxation skills and positive self talk to anger management and other common help strategies. Users can customize tools based on their preferences and can integrate their own contacts, photos and music. This app can be used by people who are in treatment as well as those who are not. PTSD Coach was created by VA's National Center for PTSD and DoD's National Center for Telehealth & Technology. More information about the PTSD Coach is available on VA's National Center for PTSD website <http://www.ptsd.va.gov/> More apps from DoD's National Center for Telehealth and Technology are available at www.t2health.org/apps.





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